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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

June 2016 Grand Jury

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

MICHAEL LERMA,

aka "Pomona Mike,"

aka "Big Mike,"

CHERYL PEREZ-CASTANEDA,

aka "Cheryl Perez,"

aka "Cheryl Castaneda,"

aka "C,"

aka "Cherri,"

JOSE MONTANO,

aka "Silent,"

aka "Bill,"

INEZ PEREZ,

aka "Nezzie,"

aka "Inez Lerma,"

SEFERINO GONZALEZ,

aka "Spooky,"

CARLOS GONZALEZ,

aka "Popeye,"

JUAN SANCHEZ,

aka "Squeaks,"

JOSE VALENCIA GONZALEZ,

aka "Swift,"

JOSE MARTINEZ,

aka "Slim,"

KELLY DESHANNON,

TRISHA PEREZ,

aka "Trisha Aguirre,"

aka "Trish,"

CR 0018-CR-18-CR-00172-GW

I N D I C T M E N T

[18 U.S.C. § 1962(d) : Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Conspiracy; 18 U.S.C. §§ 1959(a)(1), (3), (5), (6) : Violent Crimes in Aid of Racketeering Activity; 18 U.S.C. § 2119(2) : Attempted Carjacking; 21 U.S.C. § 846: Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess With Intent to Distribute Controlled Substances; 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B), (b)(1)(C) : Possession with Intent to Distribute Controlled Substances; 18 U.S.C. §§ 924(c)(1)(A)(i), (ii), (iii) : Possession, Use, Carrying, Brandishing, and Discharging of a Firearm During and in Relation to, and in Furtherance of, Crimes of Violence and Drug Trafficking Crimes; 18 U.S.C. § 924(o) : Conspiracy to Possess, Use, Carry, and Brandish a Firearm During and in Relation to, and in Furtherance of, Crimes of Violence; 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1) : Felon in Possession of Firearms and Ammunition; 18 U.S.C. § 2: Aiding and Abetting and Causing an Act to be Done; 18 U.S.C. § 1963, 21 U.S.C. § 853, 18 U.S.C. § 924(d) : Criminal Forfeiture]

1 DANIEL DIAZ,  
2 aka "Bugsy,"  
3 aka "Fam Bam," and  
4 VICTOR INCLAN,

5 Defendants.

6 The Grand Jury charges:

7 GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

8 1. The Mexican Mafia, also known as "La Eme," is a "gang of  
9 gangs" comprised mostly of senior members of southern California  
10 Hispanic street gangs who have come together to control and profit  
11 from the activities of Hispanic gangs operating in southern  
12 California. La Eme was established in the 1950s by Hispanic youth  
13 inmates at the Duell Vocational Facility, but over the decades has  
14 morphed into an international criminal organization. Today, there  
15 are approximately 140 full members of the Mexican Mafia, referred to  
16 as "carnales" or "brothers." The majority of Mexican Mafia members  
17 are incarcerated in California prisons or jails or in federal  
18 prisons. By exercising control over inmates in the prison and jail  
19 systems, primarily through violence and threats of violence, the  
20 Mexican Mafia is able to control the activities of southern  
21 California Hispanic criminal street gangs, both inside and outside  
22 custody facilities. Mexican Mafia members and associates wield such  
23 power over the prison and jail populations that they are able to  
24 order that acts of violence be carried out not only against other  
25 prison or jail inmates, but also against street gang members and  
26 others outside of prison or jail.

27 2. Members of the Mexican Mafia have divided control of, and  
28 the rights to criminal proceeds from, nearly all penal facilities in

1 California, including state prisons and county jail systems.  
2 Similarly, members of the Mexican Mafia have divided the rights to  
3 criminal proceeds from the activities of southern California Hispanic  
4 criminal street gangs in various southern California neighborhoods.

5       3. Often, one member of the Mexican Mafia has control of and  
6 rights to a specific facility. That member, whether incarcerated in  
7 that facility or not, will control the smuggling of drugs into the  
8 facility, the collection of taxes from the sale of those drugs,  
9 extortion within that facility (including the "kitty" and other fines  
10 discussed below), and the maintenance of discipline within the  
11 facility. In some cases, different members of the Mexican Mafia may  
12 control different parts of the same facility.

13       4. Similarly, members of the Mexican Mafia have divided  
14 control of and the rights to "taxes," or a share of criminal proceeds  
15 from criminal activities including drug trafficking, from nearly all  
16 Hispanic gangs in southern California. Generally, one member of the  
17 Mexican Mafia has control of and rights to a specific area; that  
18 Mexican Mafia member will control the sale of drugs within that area,  
19 the collection of taxes from that area, and the maintenance of  
20 discipline over gang members from that area.

21       5. The division of control of custody facilities and  
22 neighborhoods is generally agreed upon by the members of the Mexican  
23 Mafia, although there are occasionally disputes among members as to  
24 the division. Once a Mexican Mafia member acquires control of a  
25 custody facility or neighborhood, he can generally operate that  
26 custody facility or neighborhood without interference from other  
27 members. The Mexican Mafia member in control of a custody facility  
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1 or neighborhood will put together a team of trusted associates to  
2 control the custody facility or neighborhood.

3       6. The Mexican Mafia is split into two major subgroups,  
4 "State" and "Federal." A State Mexican Mafia member can control  
5 state prisons, southern California jails, and southern California  
6 neighborhoods, but generally not federal facilities. A Federal  
7 Mexican Mafia member incarcerated a federal prison can control  
8 federal facilities anywhere in the country, and southern California  
9 neighborhoods, but usually cannot control a state prison or a county  
10 jail.

11       7. To become a Mexican Mafia member, a Hispanic gang member  
12 generally must have a distinguished reputation for "putting in work"  
13 on behalf of the Mexican Mafia, meaning the gang member has murdered  
14 or assaulted enemies and rivals of Mexican Mafia members.  
15 Prospective members are also expected to have provided financial  
16 assistance to Mexican Mafia members, and to have followed the Mexican  
17 Mafia rules that govern the streets or correctional institutions.

18       8. Mexican Mafia members carry out their criminal activity  
19 with the help of associates. Some of these trusted associates act as  
20 "shot-callers," that is, high-level associates who have been given  
21 the authority to conduct affairs of the Mexican Mafia, such as  
22 collecting extortion and drug money and enforcing discipline in their  
23 particular areas of control. A "facilitator" is the highest level  
24 shot-caller and works directly under the authority of the Mexican  
25 Mafia member who appointed him. The facilitator coordinates the  
26 activities of the other shot-callers and is responsible for ensuring  
27 that other shot-callers carry out the Mexican Mafia member's orders  
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1 in their area of responsibility, whether in a neighborhood or a  
2 custody facility.

3 9. Members of Hispanic street gangs in southern California are  
4 referred to as "Surenos" and fall under the control of the Mexican  
5 Mafia. "Surenos" may also be referred to as "Southsiders."  
6 Additionally, the Mexican Mafia considers Mexican nationals, referred  
7 to as "Paisas," and Hispanic-American citizens who are not members of  
8 a gang, generally referred to as "Residents," to fall under the  
9 Mexican Mafia's control while in a custody facility, and trusted  
10 Residents and Paisas may participate in or be given shot-caller  
11 positions in Mexican Mafia affairs.

12 10. Members and associates of street gangs controlled by and/or  
13 affiliated with the Mexican Mafia must pay "taxes" to members and  
14 associates of the Mexican Mafia for permission to maintain control  
15 over their territories in order to distribute drugs and engage in  
16 other criminal activity. This system of "taxation" amounts to  
17 widespread extortion. These "taxes" also ensure the protection of  
18 the gang's members once they enter prisons or jails. The "taxing"  
19 and control applies to activities both in and out of jail or prison.  
20 Indeed, a jail or prison, or a floor, yard, or other unit of a jail  
21 or prison is considered by the Mexican Mafia to be territory just as  
22 much as a neighborhood.

23 11. Surenos, whether in a custody facility or in a  
24 neighborhood, operate as soldiers or workers for the Mexican Mafia.  
25 Indeed, being loyal to the Mexican Mafia is an integral part of being  
26 a southern California Hispanic street gang member, and it is openly  
27 understood that when individuals join such gangs that they are  
28 joining an entity loyal to the Mexican Mafia. Members of such gangs

1 are expected to, and are proud to, carry out the orders of the  
2 Mexican Mafia member in control of their neighborhood or custody  
3 facility, because doing work for the Mexican Mafia increases the gang  
4 member's status and reputation. Some gangs proudly include in their  
5 name the number "13," denoting the letter M, or "eme" in Spanish, in  
6 order to demonstrate the gang's loyalty and allegiance to the Mexican  
7 Mafia.

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1 COUNT ONE

2 [18 U.S.C. § 1962(d)]

3 1. Paragraphs 1 through 11 of the General Allegations are re-  
4 alleged and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

5 A. THE RACKETEERING ENTERPRISE

6 2. At all times relevant to this Indictment, defendants  
7 MICHAEL LERMA, also known as ("aka") "Pomona Mike," aka "Big Mike"  
8 ("LERMA"), CHERYL PEREZ-CASTANEDA, aka "Cheryl Perez," aka "Cheryl  
9 Castaneda," aka "C," aka "Cherri" ("PEREZ-CASTANEDA"), INEZ PEREZ,  
10 aka "Nezzie," aka "Inez Lerma" ("I. PEREZ"), SEFERINO GONZALEZ, aka  
11 "Spooky" ("S. GONZALEZ"), CARLOS GONZALEZ, aka "Popeye" ("C.  
12 GONZALEZ"), JUAN SANCHEZ, aka "Squeaks" ("SANCHEZ"), JOSE VALENCIA  
13 GONZALEZ, aka "Swifty" ("J.V. GONZALEZ"), JOSE MARTINEZ, aka "Slim"  
14 ("MARTINEZ"), KELLY DESHANNON ("DESHANNON"), TRISHA PEREZ, aka  
15 "Trisha Aguirre," aka "Trish" ("T. PEREZ"), DANIEL DIAZ, aka "Bugsy,"  
16 aka "Fam Bam" ("DIAZ"), and VICTOR INCLAN ("INCLAN"), and others  
17 known and unknown to the Grand Jury, were members and associates of  
18 an organization engaged in, among other things, acts involving  
19 murder, kidnapping, robbery, extortion, trafficking in controlled  
20 substances, conspiracy and attempt to commit the foregoing acts,  
21 witness tampering, money laundering, and identity theft. At all  
22 relevant times, this organization, known as the "Michael Lerma Cell  
23 of the Mexican Mafia," operated within the Central District of  
24 California and elsewhere. The Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican  
25 Mafia, including its leaders, members, and associates, constituted an  
26 "enterprise," as defined by Title 18, United States Code, Section  
27 1961(4), that is, a group of individuals associated in fact, although  
28 not a legal entity, which engaged in, and the activities of which

1 affected, interstate and foreign commerce. The Michael Lerma Cell of  
2 the Mexican Mafia constituted an ongoing organization whose members  
3 function as a continuing unit for a common purpose of achieving the  
4 objectives of the enterprise.

5       3. The Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican Mafia operates for  
6 the benefit of defendant LERMA and his associates. The Michael Lerma  
7 Cell of the Mexican Mafia conducts its activities by enforcing the  
8 rules of the Mexican Mafia on areas within its control. Using the  
9 methods of the Mexican Mafia, the Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican  
10 Mafia carries out its goals of controlling drug trafficking  
11 activities and the distribution of drug trafficking proceeds,  
12 extortion, and the enforcement of Mexican Mafia rules (which are used  
13 as a basis for extortion), in areas within its control, both inside  
14 and outside of custody facilities.

15       4. Pomona is a city in eastern Los Angeles County that is home  
16 to a number of predominantly Hispanic street gangs that are loyal to  
17 the Mexican Mafia. At any time, one member of the Mexican Mafia may  
18 exercise control over the illegal activities conducted by  
19 predominantly Hispanic street gangs in and around the City of Pomona,  
20 or control of these illegal activities in and around the City of  
21 Pomona may be divided among different members of the Mexican Mafia.  
22 At all times relevant to this Indictment, the Michael Lerma Cell of  
23 the Mexican Mafia claimed control of Pomona and surrounding areas and  
24 the profits from drug distribution and extortion activities in those  
25 areas.

26       5. Calipatria State Prison is a California State Prison in  
27 Imperial County, California. Control over Calipatria State Prison  
28 has been divided among members of the Mexican Mafia. At all times

1 relevant to this Indictment, the Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican  
2 Mafia claimed control of portions of Calipatria State Prison and the  
3 profits from drug distribution and extortion activities in those  
4 areas.

5       6. California state prisons operate inmate trust accounts for  
6 their inmates. These accounts are provided for inmates to use to  
7 purchase items such as food or hygiene products from the jail  
8 commissary. Members outside of the prison can place money into an  
9 inmate's trust account. At all times relevant to this Indictment,  
10 the Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican Mafia used inmate trust  
11 accounts to deposit proceeds from its criminal activities, for the  
12 benefit of defendant MICHAEL LERMA.

13       7. The Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican Mafia operates to  
14 carry out the goals and objectives of the Mexican Mafia in Pomona and  
15 in some surrounding neighborhoods, including by directing and  
16 controlling drug trafficking activities and the distribution of drug  
17 trafficking proceeds, as well as the enforcement of Mexican Mafia  
18 rules both in and surrounding Pomona. More specifically:

19           a. Members and associates of the Michael Lerma Cell of  
20 the Mexican Mafia in prisons or jails send instructions to local  
21 street gangs and other Mexican Mafia members and associates, both  
22 inside and outside prison and jail, via telephone calls, prison  
23 system e-mails, letters, "kites" (which are notes smuggled by  
24 prisoners), "verbals" (passing a particularly sensitive message  
25 verbally from inmate to inmate), and by conveying messages through  
26 jail or prison visitors. Members and associates of the Michael Lerma  
27 Cell of the Mexican Mafia generally use coded language in order to  
28 conceal the true nature of their discussions with and instructions to

1 criminal associates. In order to pass on instructions and  
2 information from prison and jail, members and associates of the  
3 Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican Mafia generally rely on associates,  
4 often female, known as "secretaries," who communicate with  
5 incarcerated Mexican Mafia members and associates and relay their  
6 instructions to others. In addition, attorneys who are willing to  
7 assist in the Mexican Mafia's criminal activities are utilized by the  
8 Mexican Mafia to pass messages concerning these activities and to  
9 facilitate communication among its members and associates. These  
10 attorneys are particularly valued by members of the Mexican Mafia  
11 because they provide a means to shield criminal communications from  
12 law enforcement by providing the appearance of attorney-client  
13 privilege and a veneer of legitimacy to their criminal  
14 communications. Both secretaries and attorneys are treated as  
15 respected criminal figures by members of street gangs controlled by  
16 and/or affiliated with the Mexican Mafia.

17               b. The Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican Mafia commonly  
18 extorts money from gang members and associates who violate enterprise  
19 and Mexican Mafia rules and from those who want to engage in  
20 profitable activities in areas controlled by the Michael Lerma Cell  
21 of the Mexican Mafia. If the gang member or associate does not pay  
22 the demanded sum, or has violated Mexican Mafia or enterprise rules,  
23 a Mexican Mafia leader commonly will order that the person be  
24 assaulted until that individual complies. Alternatively, if the non-  
25 compliant individual refuses to pay, or if the enterprise is not able  
26 to punish the individual, the Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican Mafia  
27 may extort or punish family members, close associates, members of  
28 that person's gang, or others related to the person. If a person or

1 gang does not meet the Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican Mafia's  
2 payment demands, they will be subjected to violence until they  
3 comply.

4           c. One of the Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican Mafia's  
5 most effective ways of making money is by controlling the sale of  
6 drugs. On the streets, profiting from drug trafficking takes the  
7 form of "taxing" drug dealers. All drug dealers in an area  
8 controlled by the Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican Mafia must pay a  
9 percentage of their profits from the sale of drugs to the enterprise.  
10 If the drug dealer does not pay, he will not be allowed to sell drugs  
11 in that area under threat of assault or even death. If the drug  
12 dealer does pay the tax, the drug dealer benefits by receiving  
13 protection from other dealers or robbers and gains assistance in  
14 collecting debts.

15           d. The Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican Mafia also makes  
16 money by extorting or taxing gang members and other Hispanic inmates  
17 in prison through the "kitty." In every yard of the California  
18 prison system, inmates are allowed to purchase items from the prison-  
19 operated store or commissary. These items include candy bars, soup,  
20 ramen noodles, shower shoes, deodorant, baby powder, and other food  
21 and personal hygiene items. In every prison yard or portion thereof  
22 controlled by the Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican Mafia, every  
23 Hispanic gang member, paisa, or resident is required to contribute  
24 commissary items of a certain value (e.g., one dollar's worth of  
25 items) into the "kitty" for every set amount of items purchased  
26 (e.g., fifteen dollars' worth). The Mexican Mafia member in control  
27 of the yard or portion thereof sets the contribution rates for the  
28 "kitty," and a shot-caller collects the commissary items and sells

1 them to a person in the yard for a price that is also set by the  
2 Mexican Mafia member. The payment for the "kitty" is made to a  
3 secretary or facilitator outside of the facility, who forwards it to  
4 the Mexican Mafia member who controls the portion of the facility  
5 that the "kitty" was collected from.

6 e. In addition, the Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican  
7 Mafia may subject any person or inmate in a controlled neighborhood,  
8 facility, or, module to extortion for any money-generating activity  
9 he or she engages in while in the enterprise controlled territory.

10 f. The Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican Mafia has self-  
11 imposed rules handed down by the Mexican Mafia. These rules,  
12 referred to as "reglas," are imposed to maintain fear and compliance  
13 among Surenos who are or who may become incarcerated in a jail or  
14 prison. Because these rules provide a basis for being fined as well  
15 as assaulted, they are a key part of the Michael Lerma Cell of the  
16 Mexican Mafia's extortion scheme. If a southern California Hispanic  
17 gang member should break one of these rules, discipline is imposed by  
18 a facilitator, shot-caller, or secretary of the Mexican Mafia member  
19 in control of the facility. Such discipline is frequently imposed in  
20 the form of a fine or an assault. Assaults are often referred to as  
21 "13 Seconds," "26 Seconds," or "39 Seconds." The premise underlying  
22 these punishments is that a person who breaks an enterprise rule  
23 should be punished by beatings for either 13 seconds, or for a  
24 multiple of 13 seconds. Thirteen seconds is a less severe form of  
25 punishment that usually involves two individuals assaulting the  
26 offender for thirteen seconds. Thirty-nine seconds is a more severe  
27 form of punishment that involves three (or in some cases more)  
28 individuals assaulting the offender for 39 seconds. "Thirty-nine

1      Seconds" can have different variations. For example, "39 Seconds"  
2      could be issued in the form of three 13-second assaults on the same  
3      day (sometimes referred to as "breakfast, lunch, and dinner") or it  
4      could be one 39-second assault. A 39-second punishment where three  
5      individuals assault an offender for 39 consecutive seconds is also  
6      commonly referred to as a "smash out" because the offender is usually  
7      moved out of the area after the assault for his own safety by prison  
8      or jail personnel. Finally, "sopas," the Spanish word for "soups,"  
9      is another common term for an assault.

10        g. One of the most important rules for which discipline  
11      may be imposed by the Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican Mafia is a  
12      prohibition on cooperating with law enforcement.

13        h. The most serious form of discipline is being put on  
14      the "green light list" or being "greenlighted." Being placed on the  
15      green light list means that every Sureno is obligated to severely  
16      assault the person, even if death is likely to result. This applies  
17      both inside and outside of custody facilities. Only true/full  
18      members of the Mexican Mafia can put a person, group, or entire gang  
19      on the green light list. Those who are put on a green light list can  
20      be removed by the payment of a hefty fine.

21        B. PURPOSES OF THE ENTERPRISE

22        8. The purposes of the Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican Mafia  
23      include, but are not limited to, the following:

24        a. Enriching members and associates of the Michael Lerma  
25      Cell of the Mexican Mafia through, among other things, the control of  
26      and participation in the distribution of controlled substances in and  
27      around the City of Pomona, and extortion of others engaged in the

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1 distribution of controlled substances and other crimes in and around  
2 the City of Pomona and in portions of Calipatria State Prison.

3           b. Enriching members by engaging in and taxing other  
4 illegal activities, including identity theft and fraud, in and around  
5 the City of Pomona.

6           c. Maintaining the control and authority of Michael Lerma  
7 Cell of the Mexican Mafia in and around Pomona and in portions of  
8 Calipatria State Prison, often through threats, intimidation, and  
9 acts of violence against persons involved in drug dealing and other  
10 crimes, rival gang members, witnesses to their criminality, and local  
11 residents.

12           d. Promoting and enhancing the Michael Lerma Cell of the  
13 Mexican Mafia's members and associates and their activities.

14           e. Punishing Mexican Mafia members and associates who do  
15 not comply with the rules and orders of the Mexican Mafia, including  
16 those who cooperate with law enforcement.

17 C. THE MEANS AND METHODS OF THE ENTERPRISE

18       9. The means and methods by which the defendants and their  
19 associates conduct and participate in the conduct of the affairs of  
20 the Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican Mafia include the following:

21           a. Engaging in drug trafficking in and around the City of  
22 Pomona and in portions of Calipatria State Prison as a means to  
23 generate income.

24           b. Engaging in extortion as a means to generate income.

25           c. Working together to collect a portion of the proceeds  
26 of drug trafficking conducted by street gang members and others in  
27 and around the City of Pomona and in portions of Calipatria State  
28 Prison.

1                   d.     Working together to commit robbery.

2                   e.     Working together to commit identify theft and fraud.

3                   f.     Committing, attempting to commit, and threatening to  
4 commit acts of violence to protect and expand the enterprise's  
5 criminal operation, including kidnapping, assaults, murders, acts of  
6 intimidation, and threats of violence directed against rival gang  
7 members, witnesses to the Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican Mafia's  
8 criminal conduct, and Mexican Mafia members and associates who do not  
9 follow the rules and orders of the Mexican Mafia in general.

10                  g.     Promoting a climate of fear, particularly among rival  
11 gang members, potential witnesses to the gang's criminal conduct, and  
12 Hispanic gang members, Paisas, or others who may cooperate with law  
13 enforcement, through acts of violence and threats to commit acts of  
14 violence.

15                  h.     Engaging in the aforementioned criminal activity in  
16 the presence of other members and associates of the Michael Lerma  
17 Cell of the Mexican Mafia for mutual protection and in order to  
18 enhance the status of those affirmatively conducting the criminal  
19 acts, and committing the aforementioned criminal activity for the  
20 purpose of earning the respect of the members of the Michael Lerma  
21 Cell of the Mexican Mafia in the hope of achieving higher status.

22                  i.     In the case of more senior members of the Michael  
23 Lerma Cell of the Mexican Mafia, and their designated assistants,  
24 including secretaries, shot-callers, and facilitators, providing  
25 instructions to junior members and associates regarding the  
26 distribution of controlled substances, the collection of proceeds  
27 from the sale of controlled substances and proceeds from extortion,  
28 the taxing of drug dealers, the direction of identity theft and

1 fraud, the commission of acts of violence, and providing verification  
2 that such crimes have occurred.

3 j. In the case of more junior members and associates of  
4 the Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican Mafia, engaging in the  
5 distribution of controlled substances, the collection of proceeds  
6 from the sale of controlled substances and proceeds from extortion,  
7 the taxing of drug dealers, identity theft and fraud, and the  
8 commission of acts of violence and providing verification that such  
9 crimes have occurred.

10 D. OBJECT OF THE CONSPIRACY

11 10. Beginning on a date unknown, and continuing to the date of  
12 this Indictment, in Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties, within  
13 the Central District of California, and elsewhere, defendants LERMA,  
14 PEREZ-CASTANEDA, I. PEREZ, S. GONZALEZ, C. GONZALEZ, SANCHEZ, J.V.  
15 GONZALEZ, MARTINEZ, DESHANNON, T. PEREZ, DIAZ, and INCLAN, and others  
16 known and unknown to the Grand Jury, being persons employed by and  
17 associated with the Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican Mafia, an  
18 enterprise which was engaged in, and the activities of which  
19 affected, interstate and foreign commerce, knowingly and  
20 intentionally conspired to violate Title 18, United States Code,  
21 Section 1962(c), that is, to conduct and participate, directly and  
22 indirectly, in the conduct of the affairs of that enterprise through  
23 a pattern of racketeering activity, as that term is defined in Title  
24 18, United States Code, Sections 1961(1) and 1961(5), consisting of:  
25 multiple acts involving:

26 a. Murder, in violation of California Penal Code Sections  
27 21a, 31, 182, 187, 189, and 664;

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1                 b. Kidnapping, in violation of California Penal Code  
2 Sections 21a, 31, 182, 207, 209, and 664;

3                 c. Robbery, in violation of California Penal Code  
4 Sections 21a, 31, 182, 211, 212, 212.5, 213, 215, and 664;

5                 d. Extortion, in violation of California Penal Code  
6 Sections 21a, 31, 182, 518, 519, 524, and 664;

7                 multiple offenses involving:

8                 e. the distribution of, possession with intent to  
9 distribute, and conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to  
10 distribute controlled substances, including methamphetamine, and  
11 heroin, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections  
12 841(a)(1) and 846;

13                 and multiple acts indictable under the following provisions of  
14 federal law:

15                 f. Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1956 and 1957,  
16 Money Laundering;

17                 g. Title 18, United States Code, Section 1512, Tampering  
18 with a Witness, Victim, or an Informant;

19                 h. Title 18, United States Code, Section 1028, Identity  
20 Fraud; and

21                 i. Title 18, United States Code, Section 1029, Access  
22 Device Fraud.

23                 11. It was a further part of the conspiracy that each defendant  
24 agreed that a conspirator would commit at least two acts of  
25 racketeering in the conduct of the affairs of the enterprise.

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1 E. MEANS BY WHICH THE OBJECT OF THE CONSPIRACY WAS TO BE  
2 ACCOMPLISHED

3 12. The object of the conspiracy was to be accomplished, in  
4 substance, as follows:

5 a. Defendant LERMA, as a full member of the Mexican  
6 Mafia, would have the right to control and collect criminal proceeds  
7 from certain neighborhoods or correctional facilities throughout the  
8 Central District of California and elsewhere, including in and around  
9 the City of Pomona and in Calipatria State Prison. Defendant LERMA  
10 would control Pomona and portions of Calipatria State Prison during  
11 all times relevant to this Indictment.

12 b. Defendants PEREZ-CASTANEDA and I. PEREZ would be  
13 appointed as top-level associates, known as "Senoras," of defendant  
14 LERMA and would act with the authority of defendant LERMA.

15 c. Defendants PEREZ-CASTANEDA and I. PEREZ would work for  
16 and carry out the orders of defendant LERMA in Pomona.

17 d. Defendant PEREZ-CASTANEDA would coordinate the  
18 collection of taxes from portions of Calipatria State Prison on  
19 behalf of defendant LERMA.

20 e. Defendants PEREZ-CASTANEDA and T. PEREZ would forward  
21 proceeds to defendant LERMA's prison account.

22 f. Defendant S. GONZALEZ would carry out the orders of  
23 defendants LERMA and PEREZ-CASTANEDA in Pomona.

24 g. Defendants PEREZ-CASTANEDA, S. GONZALEZ, C. GONZALEZ,  
25 SANCHEZ, J.V. GONZALEZ, MARTINEZ, DESHANNON, and T. PEREZ, and  
26 unindicted co-conspirator one ("UICC-1") would engage in acts of  
27 violence in furtherance of the Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican  
28 Mafia.

1                   h. Defendants PEREZ-CASTANEDA, S. GONZALEZ, and DIAZ  
2 would direct others to collect taxes in Pomona on behalf of the  
3 Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican Mafia.

4                   i. Defendants I. PEREZ, C. GONZALEZ, J.V. GONZALEZ,  
5 MARTINEZ, DIAZ, and INCLAN would collect taxes in Pomona on behalf of  
6 the Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican Mafia.

7                   j. Unindicted co-conspirator two ("UICC-2") would collect  
8 proceeds from Calipatria State Prison.

9                   k. Unindicted co-conspirator three ("UICC-3"), as a full  
10 member of the Mexican Mafia, would give additional Mexican Mafia  
11 sanction to the activities of the Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican  
12 Mafia.

13 F. OVERT ACTS

14                  13. In furtherance of the conspiracy and to accomplish its  
15 object, on or about the following dates, defendants LERMA, PEREZ-  
16 CASTANEDA, I. PEREZ, S. GONZALEZ, C. GONZALEZ, SANCHEZ,  
17 J.V. GONZALEZ, MARTINEZ, DESHANNON, T. PEREZ, DIAZ, and INCLAN, and  
18 others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, committed various overt  
19 acts within the Central District of California, and elsewhere,  
20 including, but not limited to, the following:

21 Forwarding of Proceeds to Defendant LERMA

22                  Overt Act No. 1: On February 8, 2012, defendant PEREZ-  
23 CASTANEDA deposited \$120 into the inmate trust account of defendant  
24 LERMA at Pelican Bay State Prison.

25                  Overt Act No. 2: On September 11, 2012, defendant PEREZ-  
26 CASTANEDA deposited \$100 into the inmate trust account of defendant  
27 LERMA at Pelican Bay State Prison.

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1 Collection and Laundering of Proceeds from Calipatria State Prison

2       Overt Act No. 3:     On January 25, 2013, in a recorded text  
3 message, defendant PEREZ-CASTANEDA directed UICC-2 to send a Green  
4 Dot card number representing proceeds of activities, including  
5 extortion, of the Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican Mafia from  
6 Calipatria State Prison to defendant PEREZ-CASTANEDA.

7       Overt Act No. 4:     On January 25, 2013, in a recorded text  
8 message, UICC-2 sent a Green Dot card number representing proceeds  
9 from activities, including extortion, of the Michael Lerma Cell of  
10 the Mexican Mafia from Calipatria State Prison to defendant PEREZ-  
11 CASTANEDA.

12      Overt Act No. 5:     On January 27, 2013, in a recorded text  
13 message, defendant PEREZ-CASTANEDA directed UICC-2 to send a Green  
14 Dot card number representing proceeds from activities, including  
15 extortion, of the Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican Mafia from  
16 Calipatria State Prison to defendant PEREZ-CASTANEDA.

17      Overt Act No. 6:     On January 27, 2013, in a recorded text  
18 message, UICC-2 sent a Green Dot card number representing proceeds  
19 from activities, including extortion, from Calipatria State Prison to  
20 defendant PEREZ-CASTANEDA.

21      Overt Act No. 7:     On January 30, 2013, in a recorded telephone  
22 call, defendant PEREZ-CASTANEDA directed UICC-2 to send Green Dot  
23 card numbers representing proceeds from activities, including  
24 extortion, of the Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican Mafia from  
25 Calipatria State Prison to defendant PEREZ-CASTANEDA.

26      Overt Act No. 8:     On January 30, 2013, in a recorded text  
27 message, UICC-2 sent Green Dot card numbers representing proceeds  
28 from activities, including extortion, of the Michael Lerma Cell of

1 the Mexican Mafia from Calipatria State Prison to defendant PEREZ-  
2 CASTANEDA.

3       Overt Act No. 9:     On February 2, 2013, in a recorded text  
4 message, UICC-2 sent Green Dot card numbers representing proceeds  
5 from activities, including extortion, of the Michael Lerma Cell of  
6 the Mexican Mafia from Calipatria State Prison to defendant PEREZ-  
7 CASTANEDA.

8       Overt Act No. 10:    On February 4, 2013, in a recorded text  
9 message, UICC-2 sent Green Dot card numbers representing proceeds  
10 from activities, including extortion, of the Michael Lerma Cell of  
11 the Mexican Mafia from Calipatria State Prison to defendant PEREZ-  
12 CASTANEDA.

13 Conspiracy to Assault or Murder S.L.

14       Overt Act No. 11:   Between March 24, 2013, and July 1, 2013,  
15 defendant PEREZ-CASTANEDA asked for defendant LERMA's permission to  
16 assault or murder S.L. for shooting defendant PEREZ-CASTANEDA's son  
17 in front of defendant PEREZ-CASTANEDA's home in Pomona.

18       Overt Act No. 12:   From July 1, 2013, through July 27, 2013, in  
19 recorded telephone conversations, defendants PEREZ-CASTANEDA and  
20 S. GONZALEZ discussed finding S.L. within Los Angeles County Jail in  
21 order to have him stabbed.

22       Overt Act No. 13:   On or before July 15, 2013, UICC-3 gave his  
23 approval for the assault or murder of S.L.

24       Overt Act No. 14:   On July 15, 2013, in a recorded telephone  
25 conversation, defendant PEREZ-CASTANEDA told defendant S. GONZALEZ  
26 that she ordered the assault or murder of S.L., that her order was  
27 under defendant LERMA'S authority, and that UICC-3 approved of the  
28 order.

1       Overt Act No. 15: On July 27, 2013, unknown co-conspirators  
2 assaulted S.L. in the Los Angeles County Jail ("LACJ") on the orders  
3 of defendants PEREZ-CASTANEDA and S. GONZALEZ.

4       Overt Act No. 16: On July 28, 2013, defendant S. GONZALEZ  
5 informed defendant PEREZ-CASTANEDA that S.L. had been assaulted in  
6 LACJ.

7       Overt Act No. 17: On August 24, 2013, in a coded letter,  
8 defendant LERMA gave his approval for the assault or murder of S.L.

9       Overt Act No. 18: On February 14, 2014, UICC-1 requested that  
10 an associate, who was in fact a confidential informant working for  
11 law enforcement (the "CI"), find S.L. in LACJ so that S.L. could be  
12 assaulted or murdered for falsely claiming that UICC-3 had approved  
13 of the shooting of defendant PEREZ-CASTANEDA's son.

14       Overt Act No. 19: On February 28, 2014, UICC-1 told the CI  
15 that he wanted S.L. to be stabbed for falsely claiming to have UICC-  
16 3's blessing for shooting defendant PEREZ-CASTANEDA's son.

17       Taxation of Pomona-Area Criminal Activity

18       Overt Act No. 20: From at least February 8, 2012, to the  
19 present, defendant LERMA controlled the taxing of drug dealers in and  
20 around the City of Pomona and directed defendants PEREZ-CASTANEDA and  
21 MARTINEZ and others to collect those taxes.

22       Overt Act No. 21: In July and August 2013, defendant PEREZ-  
23 CASTANEDA directed the taxing of drug dealers in and around Pomona on  
24 behalf of defendant LERMA.

25       Overt Act No. 22: On July 12, 2013, in a recorded telephone  
26 conversation, defendants S. GONZALEZ and J.V. GONZALEZ discussed the  
27 following: taxing the proceeds from the sale of methamphetamine by a  
28 unindicted co-conspirator four ("UICC-4") in areas controlled by

1 defendant LERMA; the amount that UICC-4 had paid in taxes; and that  
2 UICC-4 complained that the amount of taxes was too high.

3       Overt Act No. 23: On July 14, 2013, in a recorded telephone  
4 conversation, defendants S. GONZALEZ and J.V. GONZALEZ discussed the  
5 following: taxing a drug selling location known as "The Compound";  
6 that defendant LERMA only wanted proceeds from the sale of heroin;  
7 that defendant J.V. GONZALEZ had taxed UICC-4's proceeds from the  
8 sale of methamphetamine in areas controlled by defendant LERMA; that  
9 defendants S. GONZALEZ and J.V. GONZALEZ would keep the proceeds from  
10 the taxing of the sale of methamphetamine; and that defendant PEREZ-  
11 CASTANEDA would begin supplying heroin for The Compound.

12       Overt Act No. 24: On July 21, 2013, in a recorded telephone  
13 conversation, defendant PEREZ-CASTANEDA told defendant S. GONZALEZ  
14 that she approved of the taxation of The Compound.

15       Overt Act No. 25: In July and August 2013, defendant PEREZ-  
16 CASTANEDA directed defendant MARTINEZ to collect taxes from drug  
17 dealers in south Pomona.

18       Overt Act No. 26: In July and August 2013, defendant MARTINEZ  
19 collected taxes from drug dealers in south Pomona.

20       Overt Act No. 27: On August 4, 2013, defendant MARTINEZ  
21 possessed a .32 caliber handgun to protect himself while collecting  
22 taxes from drug dealers in south Pomona.

23 Possession of Drugs

24       Overt Act No. 28: On August 4, 2013, defendant MARTINEZ  
25 possessed approximately 11.2 grams of methamphetamine for further  
26 distribution in and around Pomona.

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1       Overt Act No. 29: On December 2, 2013, in an area controlled  
2 by defendant LERMA in Pomona, UICC-4 possessed for purposes of sale  
3 approximately 128.9 grams of methamphetamine and 8.6 grams of heroin.

4       Attempted Robbery, Extortion, and Carjacking

5       Overt Act No. 30: Beginning prior to July 12, 2013, defendant  
6 S. GONZALEZ demanded a Mercedes automobile from then-LACJ inmate W.M.

7       Overt Act No. 31: On or before July 12, 2013, defendant S.  
8 GONZALEZ directed defendant DESHANNON to take a Mercedes automobile  
9 belonging to W.M. that was in the custody of E.N.

10       Overt Act No. 32: On July 12, 2013, defendant DESHANNON  
11 attempted to take W.M.'s Mercedes automobile from E.N., to whom W.M.  
12 had entrusted the automobile.

13       Overt Act No. 33: Between July 12, 2013, and July 14, 2013,  
14 upon defendant DESHANNON's failure to obtain W.M.'s automobile,  
15 defendant S. GONZALEZ directed defendant PEREZ-CASTANEDA to gather  
16 more people to take the automobile.

17       Overt Act No. 34: On July 14, 2013, defendants DESHANNON, T.  
18 PEREZ, PEREZ-CASTANEDA, and J.V. GONZALEZ went to the home of E.N. to  
19 take the Mercedes automobile by force or fear.

20       Overt Act No. 35: On July 14, 2013, defendant PEREZ-CASTANEDA  
21 assaulted E.N. in order to take the Mercedes automobile.

22       Overt Act No. 36: On July 14, 2013, defendant J.V. GONZALEZ  
23 shot M.A. when E.N. and M.A. resisted efforts to take the Mercedes  
24 automobile.

25       Overt Act No. 37: On July 14, 2013, in a recorded telephone  
26 call, defendants DESHANNON, T. PEREZ, PEREZ-CASTANEDA, and J.V.  
27 GONZALEZ reported to defendant S. GONZALEZ that they had attempted to  
28 take the Mercedes automobile and had shot M.A.

1       Possession of a Firearm

2           Overt Act No. 38: From no later than October 17, 2013, through  
3 October 28, 2013, defendant C. GONZALEZ possessed a Walther Model PPK  
4 .380 caliber semi-automatic pistol bearing serial number 060360,  
5 seven rounds of Winchester .380 caliber ammunition, and one round of  
6 CCI/Speer .380 caliber ammunition in his residence in Pomona.

7       Forwarding of Proceeds to Defendant LERMA

8           Overt Act No. 39: On October 14, 2014, defendant T. PEREZ  
9 deposited \$150 into the inmate trust account of defendant LERMA at  
10 Pelican Bay State Prison.

11          Overt Act No. 40: On December 24, 2014, defendant T. PEREZ  
12 deposited \$200 into the inmate trust account of defendant LERMA at  
13 Pelican Bay State Prison.

14       Kidnapping, Extortion, and Planned Murder of C.V.

15          Overt Act No. 41: Prior to April 19, 2015, defendants C.  
16 GONZALEZ and SANCHEZ, and unindicted co-conspirators five ("UICC-5")  
17 and six ("UICC-6"), engaged in check fraud, identity theft,  
18 counterfeiting, and other crimes, and defendant PEREZ-CASTANEDA taxed  
19 these criminal activities.

20          Overt Act No. 42: Between April 19, 2015, and April 24, 2015,  
21 UICC-5 restrained C.V. against her will at his residence in Claremont  
22 and took C.V.'s possessions, including her recreational vehicle,  
23 identification, money, and other items.

24          Overt Act No. 43: On May 4, 2015, defendant C. GONZALEZ forced  
25 C.V. to post \$500 bail for UICC-6.

26          Overt Act No. 44: On May 5, 2015, defendant C. GONZALEZ  
27 ordered that C.V. be moved from UICC-5's residence in Claremont to  
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1 the residence of unindicted co-conspirator seven ("UICC-7") in Temple  
2 City.

3       Overt Act No. 45: From May 5, 2015, through May 8, 2015,  
4 defendant C. GONZALEZ directed that UICC-7 hold C.V. against her will  
5 and visited UICC-7's residence to ensure that C.V. was being held.

6       Overt Act No. 46: From May 5, 2015, through May 8, 2015, UICC-  
7 held C.V. against her will at defendant C. GONZALEZ's direction.

8       Overt Act No. 47: On May 8, 2015, defendants PEREZ-CASTANEDA  
9 and C. GONZALEZ and other unindicted coconspirators met in a bedroom  
10 of UICC-7's residence to discuss the extortion and murder of C.V.

11      Overt Act No. 48: On May 8, 2015, during the meeting,  
12 defendant PEREZ-CASTANEDA ordered defendant C. GONZALEZ and UICC-7 to  
13 take C.V. to retrieve the bail money for UICC-6, ordered that  
14 defendant C. GONZALEZ give defendant PEREZ-CASTANEDA that money, and  
15 authorized the murder of C.V.

16      Overt Act No. 49: On May 8, 2015, during the meeting,  
17 defendant C. GONZALEZ stated his intention to murder C.V.

18      Overt Act No. 50: On May 8, 2015, after leaving the meeting at  
19 UICC-7's residence, defendant C. GONZALEZ ordered UICC-7 to bring  
20 C.V. to his residence so that they could collect the bail money and  
21 kill C.V.

22      Overt Act No. 51: On May 8, 2015, C.V. was driven to defendant  
23 C. GONZALEZ' residence in Pomona.

24      Overt Act No. 52: On May 8, 2015, defendant C. GONZALEZ  
25 brought a firearm and handcuffs into the vehicle in which C.V. was a  
26 passenger and handcuffed C.V.

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1       Overt Act No. 53: On May 8, 2015, defendant SANCHEZ brought a  
2 firearm and a backpack containing C.V.'s belongings into the vehicle  
3 in which C.V. was a passenger.

4       Tax Collection and Possession of a Firearm

5       Overt Act No. 54: Beginning on July 23, 2013, and continuing  
6 through June 18, 2015, defendant MARTINEZ collected taxes in the City  
7 of Pomona for defendants PEREZ-CASTANEDA and LERMA.

8       Overt Act No. 55: On June 18, 2015, defendant MARTINEZ, while  
9 in a vehicle in the City of Pomona, possessed a Ruger model P85 MKII  
10 9mm caliber semi-automatic pistol, bearing a partially obliterated  
11 serial number.

12       Possession of Drugs

13       Overt Act No. 56: On June 18, 2015, while in a vehicle in the  
14 City of Pomona, defendant MARTINEZ and unindicted co-conspirators  
15 possessed approximately three grams of methamphetamine with intent to  
16 further distribute.

17       Forwarding of Proceeds to Defendant LERMA

18       Overt Act No. 57: On June 14, 2015, defendant T. PEREZ  
19 deposited \$100 into the inmate trust account of defendant LERMA at  
20 Pelican Bay State Prison.

21       Overt Act No. 58: On August 26, 2015, defendant T. PEREZ  
22 deposited \$100 into the inmate trust account of defendant LERMA at  
23 Pelican Bay State Prison.

24       Tax Collection

25       Overt Act No. 59: On February 19, 2016, defendant DIAZ  
26 collected taxes in Pomona.

27       Overt Act No. 60: On March 1, 2016, during a recorded  
28 telephone conversation, defendant DIAZ asked defendant I. PEREZ to

1 collect taxes from drug dealers in Pomona known as "Adrian," Travis,"  
2 and "TP."

3       Overt Act No. 61: On March 2, 2016, in a recorded telephone  
4 conversation, defendant DIAZ asked defendant I. PEREZ to ask  
5 defendant LERMA whether defendant DIAZ would continue to be defendant  
6 LERMA'S shot-caller for Pomona after defendant DIAZ's release from  
7 jail.

8       Overt Act No. 62: On March 3, 2016, during a recorded  
9 telephone conversation, defendant DIAZ asked defendant INCLAN to  
10 collect taxes from drug dealers in Pomona known as "Adrian,"  
11 "Travis," and "TP," to give those taxes to defendant I. PEREZ, and to  
12 increase the taxes if the drug dealers don't pay within three days.

13       Overt Act No. 63: On March 3, 2016, during a recorded  
14 telephone conversation, defendant DIAZ asked defendant INCLAN to  
15 obtain defendant LERMA's prison cell phone number.

16       Overt Act No. 64: On March 9, 2016, defendant INCLAN,  
17 collected \$75 in taxes from a Pomona drug dealer known as "Travis."

18       Overt Act No. 65: On March 9, 2016, defendant I. PEREZ put \$50  
19 from the taxing of "Travis" onto the inmate trust account of  
20 defendant DIAZ.

21       Overt Act No. 66: On March 13, 2016, defendant INCLAN  
22 collected \$50 in taxes from a Pomona drug dealer known as "Travis."  
23 Possession of a Firearm and Heroin

24       Overt Act No. 67: On July 1, 2016, defendant DIAZ possessed a  
25 Smith & Wesson model SW9VW 9mm caliber semi-automatic pistol, bearing  
26 serial number DUM0731, and approximately 7.49 grams of heroin for  
27 purposes of distribution.

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1 G. SPECIAL SENTENCING ALLEGATIONS

2       14. Beginning no later than on or about April 19, 2015, and  
3 continuing to on or about May 8, 2015, in Los Angeles and San  
4 Bernardino Counties, within the Central District of California,  
5 defendants PEREZ-CASTANEDA, C. GONZALEZ, and SANCHEZ conspired to  
6 intentionally kill C.V. with malice aforethought, in violation of  
7 California Penal Code Sections 182, 187, and 189.

8       15. Beginning no later than on or about April 19, 2015, and  
9 continuing to on or about May 8, 2015, in Los Angeles and San  
10 Bernardino Counties, within the Central District of California,  
11 defendants PEREZ-CASTANEDA, GONZALEZ, and SANCHEZ, aiding and  
12 abetting each other, kidnapped C.V., that is, seized, confined,  
13 abducted, concealed, and carried away, with intent to hold and detain  
14 C.V., and held and detained C.V. to commit extortion, in violation of  
15 California Penal Code Sections 31 and 209.

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COUNT TWO

[18 U.S.C. §§ 1959(a)(3), 2]

1. Paragraphs 1 through 11 of the General Allegations of this Indictment and paragraphs 2 through 9 of Count One of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

2. At all times relevant to this Indictment, the Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican Mafia, including its leaders, members, and associates, constituted an enterprise, as that term is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1959(b)(2), that is, a group of individuals associated in fact, which was engaged in, and the activities of which affected, interstate and foreign commerce. The enterprise constituted an ongoing organization whose members functioned as a continuing unit for a common purpose of achieving the objectives of the enterprise.

3. At all times relevant to this Indictment, the Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican Mafia, through its members and associates, engaged in racketeering activity, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(b)(1) and 1961(1), consisting of:

multiple acts involving:

a. Murder, in violation of California Penal Code Sections 21a, 31, 182, 187, 189, and 664;

b. Kidnapping, in violation of California Penal Code Sections 21a, 31, 182, 207, 209, and 664;

c. Robbery, in violation of California Penal Code Sections 21a, 31, 182, 211, 212, 212.5, 213, 215, and 664;

d. Extortion, in violation of California Penal Code Sections 21a, 31, 182, 518, 519, 524, and 664;

multiple offenses involving:

e. the distribution of, possession with intent to distribute, and conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute controlled substances, including methamphetamine and heroin, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846;

and multiple acts indictable under the following provisions of federal law:

f. Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1956 and 1957,  
Money Laundering;

g. Title 18, United States Code, Section 1512; Tampering with a Witness, Victim, or an Informant;

h. Title 18, United States Code, Section 1028, Identity Fraud; and

i. Title 18, United States Code, Section 1029, Access Device Fraud.

4. On or about July 14, 2013, in Los Angeles County, within the Central District of California, for the purpose of maintaining and increasing position in the Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican Mafia, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, defendants JOSE VALENCIA GONZALEZ, also known as ("aka") "Swifty," SEFERINO GONZALEZ, aka "Spooky," CHERYL PEREZ-CASTANEDA, aka "Cheryl Perez," aka "Cheryl Castaneda," aka "C," aka "Cherri, and KELLY DESHANNON, aiding and abetting each other, unlawfully and knowingly assaulted M.A. with a dangerous weapon, that is, a firearm, resulting in serious bodily injury in violation of California Penal Code Sections 31, 245(a)(2), and (4).

1 COUNT THREE

2 [18 U.S.C. § 1959(a)(6)]

3 1. Paragraphs 1 through 11 of the General Allegations of this  
4 Indictment, paragraphs 2 through 9 of Count One of this Indictment,  
5 and Paragraphs 2 and 3 of Count Two of this Indictment are hereby re-  
6 alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth  
7 herein.

8 2. From prior to July 12, 2013, through on or about July 14,  
9 2013, in Los Angeles County within the Central District of  
10 California, for the purpose of maintaining and increasing position in  
11 the Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican Mafia, an enterprise engaged in  
12 racketeering activity, defendants JOSE VALENCIA GONZALEZ, also known  
13 as ("aka") "Swifty," SEFERINO GONZALEZ, aka "Spooky," CHERYL PEREZ-  
14 CASTANEDA, aka "Cheryl Perez," aka "Cheryl Castaneda," aka "C," aka  
15 "Cherri, and KELLY DESHANNON unlawfully and knowingly conspired to  
16 assault M.A. with a dangerous weapon, that is, a firearm, and to  
17 commit assault resulting in serious bodily injury, in violation of  
18 California Penal Code Sections 182, 245(a)(2), and (4).

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1 COUNT FOUR  
2 [18 U.S.C. § 1959(a)(6)]

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4 Indictment, paragraphs 2 through 9 of Count One of this Indictment,  
5 and Paragraphs 2 and 3 of Count Two of this Indictment are hereby re-  
6 alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth  
7 herein.

8       2. On or about February 28, 2014, in Los Angeles County within  
9 the Central District of California, for the purpose of gaining  
10 entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in the Michael  
11 Lerma Cell of the Mexican Mafia, an enterprise engaged in  
12 racketeering activity, defendants CHERYL PEREZ-CASTANEDA, also known  
13 as ("aka") "Cheryl Perez," aka "Cheryl Castaneda," aka "C," aka  
14 "Cherri, and JOSE MONTANO, aka "Silent," aka "Bill," and others known  
15 and unknown to the Grand Jury, unlawfully and knowingly conspired to  
16 assault S.L. with a dangerous weapon, in violation of California  
17 Penal Code Sections 182 and 245(a)(1).

1 COUNT FIVE

2 [18 U.S.C. § 1959(a)(5)]

3 1. Paragraphs 1 through 11 of the General Allegations of this  
4 Indictment, paragraphs 2 through 9 of Count One of this Indictment,  
5 and Paragraphs 2 and 3 of Count Two of this Indictment are hereby re-  
6 alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth  
7 herein.

8 2. From on or about April 19, 2015, to on or about May 8,  
9 2015, in Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties, within the Central  
10 District of California, for the purpose of maintaining and increasing  
11 position in the Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican Mafia, an  
12 enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, defendants CHERYL PEREZ-  
13 CASTANEDA, also known as ("aka") "Cheryl Perez," aka "Cheryl  
14 Castaneda," aka "C," aka "Cherri," CARLOS GONZALEZ, aka "Popeye," and  
15 JUAN SANCHEZ, aka "Squeaks," unlawfully and knowingly conspired to  
16 kidnap C.V., in violation of California Penal Code Sections 182, 207,  
17 and 209.

1 COUNT SIX

2 [18 U.S.C. §§ 1959(a)(1), 2]

3 1. Paragraphs 1 through 11 of the General Allegations of this  
4 Indictment, paragraphs 2 through 9 of Count One of this Indictment,  
5 and Paragraphs 2 and 3 of Count Two of this Indictment are hereby re-  
6 alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth  
7 herein.

8 2. Between on or about April 19, 2015, to on or about May 8,  
9 2015, in Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties, within the Central  
10 District of California, for the purpose of maintaining and increasing  
11 position in the Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican Mafia, an  
12 enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, defendants CARLOS  
13 GONZALEZ, also known as ("aka") "Popeye," JUAN SANCHEZ, aka  
14 "Squeaks," and CHERYL PEREZ-CASTANEDA, aka "Cheryl Perez," aka  
15 "Cheryl Castaneda," aka "C," aka "Cherri," aiding and abetting each  
16 other, unlawfully and knowingly kidnapped C.V., in violation of  
17 California Penal Code Sections 31, 207, and 209.

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1 COUNT SEVEN

2 [18 U.S.C. § 1959(a)(5)]

3 1. Paragraphs 1 through 11 of the General Allegations of this  
4 Indictment, paragraphs 2 through 9 of Count One of this Indictment,  
5 and Paragraphs 2 and 3 of Count Two of this Indictment are hereby re-  
6 alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth  
7 herein.

8 2. From on or about April 19, 2015, to on or about May 8,  
9 2015, in Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties, within the Central  
10 District of California, for the purpose of maintaining and increasing  
11 position in the Michael Lerma Cell of the Mexican Mafia, an  
12 enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, defendants CHERYL PEREZ-  
13 CASTANEDA, also known as ("aka") "Cheryl Perez," aka "Cheryl  
14 Castaneda," aka "C," aka "Cherri," CARLOS GONZALEZ, aka "Popeye," and  
15 JUAN SANCHEZ, aka "Squeaks," conspired to intentionally murder C.V.  
16 with malice aforethought, in violation of California Penal Code  
17 Sections 182, 187, and 189.

1 COUNT EIGHT  
2 [18 U.S.C. §§ 2119(2), 2]

3 1. On or about July 14, 2013, in Los Angeles County, within  
4 the Central District of California, defendants CHERYL PEREZ-  
5 CASTANEDA, also known as ("aka") "Cheryl Perez," aka "Cheryl  
6 Castaneda," aka "C," aka "Cherri," JOSE VALENCIA GONZALEZ, aka  
7 "Swifty," KELLY DESHANNON, and TRISHA PEREZ, aka "Trisha Aguirre,"  
8 aka "Trish," aiding and abetting each other, with the intent to cause  
9 death and serious bodily harm, attempted to take a motor vehicle,  
10 namely, a Mercedes ML360 SUV, that had been transported, shipped, and  
11 received in interstate and foreign commerce, from the person and  
12 presence of another, namely, E.N. and M.A., by force and violence and  
13 by intimidation, resulting in serious bodily injury.

14 2. Furthermore, defendant SEFERINO GONZALEZ, aka "Spooky,"  
15 knowingly and intentionally aided, abetted, counseled, commended,  
16 induced and procured the commission of the offense alleged above, and  
17 willfully caused such offense to be done.

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1 COUNT NINE

2 [21 U.S.C § 846]

3 1. Paragraphs 1 through 11 of the General Allegations of this  
4 Indictment and paragraphs 2 through 9 of Count One of this Indictment  
5 are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully  
6 set forth herein.

7 A. OBJECTS OF THE CONSPIRACY

8 2. Beginning on a date unknown to the Grand Jury and  
9 continuing to on or about the date of this Indictment, in Los Angeles  
10 and San Bernardino Counties, within the Central District of  
11 California, and elsewhere, defendants MICHAEL LERMA, also known as  
12 ("aka") "Pomona Mike," aka "Big Mike" ("LERMA"), CHERYL PEREZ-  
13 CASTANEDA, aka "Cheryl Perez," aka "Cheryl Castaneda," aka "C," aka  
14 "Cherri" ("PEREZ-CASTANEDA"), INEZ PEREZ, aka "Nezzie," aka "Inez  
15 Lerma" ("I. PEREZ"), SEFERINO GONZALEZ, aka "Spooky" ("S. GONZALEZ"),  
16 CARLOS GONZALEZ, aka "Popeye" ("C. GONZALEZ"), JOSE VALENCIA  
17 GONZALEZ, aka "Swifty" ("J.V. GONZALEZ"), JOSE MARTINEZ, aka "Slim"  
18 ("MARTINEZ"), DANIEL DIAZ, aka "Bugsy," aka "Fam Bam" ("DIAZ"), and  
19 VICTOR INCLAN ("INCLAN"), and others known and unknown to the Grand  
20 Jury, conspired and agreed with each other to knowingly and  
21 intentionally distribute, and possess with intent to distribute, the  
22 following controlled substances:

23 a. at least 50 grams of methamphetamine, a Schedule II  
24 controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code,  
25 Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A)(viii); and

26 b. a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount  
27 of heroin, a Schedule I narcotic drug controlled substance, in

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1 violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and  
2 (b)(1)(C).

3 B. MEANS BY WHICH THE OBJECTS OF THE CONSPIRACY WERE TO BE  
4 ACCOMPLISHED

5 3. The object of the conspiracy was to be accomplished, in  
6 substance, as follows:

7 a. Defendant LERMA, as a full member of the Mexican  
8 Mafia, would have the right to control and tax drug dealing in  
9 certain neighborhoods or correctional facilities throughout the  
10 Central District of California and elsewhere, including in and around  
11 the City of Pomona and in Calipatria State Prison. Defendant LERMA  
12 would control Pomona and portions of Calipatria State Prison during  
13 all times relevant to this Indictment.

14 b. Defendants PEREZ-CASTANEDA and I. PEREZ would be  
15 appointed as top-level associates, known as "Señoras," of defendant  
16 LERMA and would coordinate and direct the taxing of drug sales in and  
17 around Pomona on behalf of defendant LERMA.

18 c. Defendant S. GONZALEZ would direct the sales of drugs  
19 and the taxing of drug sales in and around Pomona on behalf of  
20 defendants LERMA and PEREZ-CASTANEDA.

21 d. Defendants PEREZ-CASTANEDA, S. GONZALEZ, and DIAZ  
22 would direct others to collect taxes on the sale of drugs in and  
23 around Pomona on behalf of defendant LERMA.

24 e. Defendants I. PEREZ, C. GONZALEZ, J.V. GONZALEZ,  
25 MARTINEZ, and INCLAN would collect taxes on the sale of drugs in and  
26 around Pomona on behalf of defendant LERMA.

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1                   f. Unindicted co-conspirator two ("UICC-2") would collect  
2 proceeds from the taxing of the sale of drugs in Calipatria State  
3 Prison.

4 C. OVERT ACTS

5                  4. On or about the following dates, in furtherance of the  
6 conspiracy, and to accomplish the objects of the conspiracy,  
7 defendants LERMA, PEREZ-CASTANEDA, I. PEREZ, S. GONZALEZ,  
8 C. GONZALEZ, J.V. GONZALEZ, MARTINEZ, DIAZ, and INCLAN, and others  
9 known and unknown to the Grand Jury, committed and caused to be  
10 committed various overt acts within the Central District of  
11 California, and elsewhere, including, but not limited to, Overt Acts  
12 numbered 20-29, 54-56, and 59-67 as set forth in Section F of Count  
13 One of this Indictment, which are re-alleged and incorporated by  
14 reference as if fully set forth herein.

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1 COUNT TEN

2 [21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B)(viii)]

3 On or about August 4, 2013, in Los Angeles County, within the  
4 Central District of California, defendant JOSE MARTINEZ, also known  
5 as "Slim," knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to  
6 distribute at least five grams, that is, approximately 11.2 grams, of  
7 methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance.

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1 COUNT ELEVEN

2 [21 U.S.C §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C)]

3 On or about June 18, 2015, in Los Angeles County, within the  
4 Central District of California, defendant JOSE MARTINEZ, also known  
5 as "Slim," knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to  
6 distribute approximately 3.0 grams of methamphetamine, a Schedule II  
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1 COUNT TWELVE

2 [21 U.S.C §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C)]

3 On or about July 1, 2016, in Los Angeles County, within the  
4 Central District of California, defendant DANIEL DIAZ, also known as  
5 ("aka") "Bugsy," aka "Fam Bam," knowingly and intentionally possessed  
6 with intent to distribute approximately 7.49 grams of heroin, a  
7 Schedule I narcotic drug controlled substance.

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## COUNT THIRTEEN

[18 U.S.C. §§ 924(c)(1)(A), (i), (ii), (iii), 2]

3       1. On or about July 14, 2013, in Los Angeles County, within  
4 the Central District of California, defendant JOSE VALENCIA GONZALEZ,  
5 also known as ("aka") "Swifty," knowingly used and carried a firearm,  
6 namely a Colt model Mustang Mark IV Series 80 .380 caliber semi-  
7 automatic pistol, bearing serial number MU58634, during and in  
8 relation to, and possessed that firearm in furtherance of, a crime of  
9 violence, namely, Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations  
10 Conspiracy, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section  
11 1962(d), as charged in Count One of this Indictment, Assault in Aid  
12 of Racketeering, in violation of Title 18, United States Code,  
13 Section 1959(a)(3), as charged in Count Two of this Indictment,  
14 Conspiracy to Assault in Aid of Racketeering, in violation of Title  
15 18, United States Code, Section 1959(a)(6), as charged in Count Three  
16 of this Indictment, and Attempted Carjacking, in violation of Title  
17 18, United States Code, Section 2119(2), as charged in Count Eight of  
18 this Indictment, and a drug trafficking crime, namely, Racketeer  
19 Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Conspiracy, in violation of  
20 Title 18, United States Code, Section 1962(d), as charged in Count  
21 One of this Indictment, and in so doing, brandished and discharged  
22 that firearm.

23       2. Furthermore, defendants SEFERINO GONZALEZ, aka "Spooky,"  
24      CHERYL PEREZ-CASTANEDA, aka "Cheryl Perez," aka "Cheryl Castaneda,"  
25      aka "C," aka "Cherri," and KELLY DESHANNON knowingly and  
26      intentionally aided, abetted, counseled, commended, induced and  
27      procured the commission of the offense alleged above, and willfully  
28      caused such offense to be done.

COUNT FOURTEEN

[18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)(i)]

3 On or about August 4, 2013, in Los Angeles County, within the  
4 Central District of California, defendant JOSE MARTINEZ, also known  
5 as "Slim," knowingly used and carried a firearm, namely, a Savage  
6 Arms model 1907 .32 caliber semi-automatic pistol, bearing serial  
7 number 156584, during and in relation to, and possessed that firearm  
8 in furtherance of, a crime of violence, namely, Racketeer Influenced  
9 and Corrupt Organizations Conspiracy, in violation of Title 18,  
10 United States Code, Section 1962(d), as charged in Count One of this  
11 Indictment, and a drug trafficking crime, namely Racketeer Influenced  
12 and Corrupt Organizations Conspiracy, in violation of Title 18,  
13 United States Code, Section 1962(d), as charged in Count One of this  
14 Indictment, and Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine,  
15 in violation of Title 21 United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), as  
16 charged in Count Ten of this Indictment.

1 COUNT FIFTEEN

2 [18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)(i)]

3 On or about October 28, 2013, in Los Angeles County, within the  
4 Central District of California, defendant CARLOS GONZALEZ, also known  
5 as "Popeye," knowingly possessed a firearm, namely, a Walther model  
6 PPK .380 caliber semi-automatic firearm, bearing serial number  
7 060360, in furtherance of a crime of violence, namely, Racketeer  
8 Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Conspiracy, in violation of  
9 Title 18, United States Code, Section 1962(d), as charged in Count  
10 One of this Indictment, and a drug trafficking crime, namely,  
11 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Conspiracy, in  
12 violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1962(d), as  
13 charged in Count One of this Indictment, and Conspiracy to Distribute  
14 Controlled Substances, in violation of Title 21, United States Code,  
15 Section 846, as charged in Count Nine of this Indictment.

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1 COUNT SIXTEEN

2 [18 U.S.C. §§ 924(c)(1)(A)(i), 2]

3 1. On or about May 8, 2015, in Los Angeles County, within the  
4 Central District of California, defendant JUAN SANCHEZ, also known as  
5 ("aka") "Squeaks," knowingly used and carried a firearm, namely a  
6 Rohm model RG-12 .22 caliber revolver, bearing serial number 52469,  
7 during and in relation to, and possessed that firearm in furtherance  
8 of, a crime of violence, namely, Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt  
9 Organizations Conspiracy, in violation of Title 18, United States  
10 Code, Section 1962(d), as charged in Count One of this Indictment,  
11 Conspiracy to Commit Murder in Aid of Racketeering Activity, in  
12 violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1959(a)(5), as  
13 charged in Count Five of this Indictment, Kidnapping in Aid of  
14 Racketeering Activity, in violation of Title 18, United States Code,  
15 Section 1959(a)(1), as charged in Count Six of this Indictment, and  
16 Conspiracy to Murder in Aid of Racketeering Activity, in violation of  
17 Title 18, United States Code, Section 1959(a)(5), as charged in Count  
18 Seven of this Indictment, and a drug trafficking crime, namely,  
19 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Conspiracy, in  
20 violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1962(d), as  
21 charged in Count One of this Indictment, and in so doing, brandished  
22 that firearm.

23 2. Furthermore, defendant CARLOS GONZALEZ, aka "Popeye,"  
24 knowingly and intentionally aided, abetted, counseled, commended,  
25 induced and procured the commission of the offense alleged above, and  
26 willfully caused such offense to be done.

COUNT SEVENTEEN

[18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)(i)]

3 On or about June 18, 2015, in Los Angeles County, within the  
4 Central District of California, defendant JOSE MARTINEZ, also known  
5 as "Slim," knowingly used and carried a firearm, namely, a Ruger  
6 Model P85 MKII 9mm caliber semi-automatic pistol, bearing a partially  
7 obliterated serial number, during and in relation to, and possessed  
8 that firearm in furtherance of, a drug trafficking crime, namely,  
9 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Conspiracy, in  
10 violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1962(d), as  
11 charged in Count One of this Indictment, Conspiracy to Distribute  
12 Controlled Substances, in violation of Title 21, United States Code,  
13 Section 846, as charged in Count Nine of this Indictment, and  
14 Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, in violation of  
15 Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), as charged in Count  
16 Eleven of this Indictment.

COUNT EIGHTEEN

[18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)(i)]

On or about July 1, 2016, in Los Angeles County, within the Central District of California, defendant DANIEL DIAZ, also known as ("aka") "Bugsy," aka "Fam Bam," knowingly possessed a firearm, namely, a Smith & Wesson model SW9VW 9mm caliber semi-automatic pistol, bearing serial number DUM0731, in furtherance of a crime of violence, namely, Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Conspiracy, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d), as charged in Count One of this Indictment, and a drug trafficking crime, namely, Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Conspiracy, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1962(d), as charged in Count One of this Indictment, Conspiracy to Distribute Controlled Substances, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846, as charged in Count Nine of this Indictment, and Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21, United States, Code, Section 841(a)(1), as charged in Count Twelve of this Indictment.

COUNT NINETEEN

[18 U.S.C. § 924(o)]

On or about May 8, 2015, in Los Angeles County, within the Central District of California, defendants CARLOS GONZALEZ, also known as ("aka") "Popeye," and JUAN SANCHEZ, aka "Squeaks," conspired and agreed with each other to knowingly use and carry a firearm, namely a Rohm model RG-12 .22 caliber revolver, bearing serial number 52469, during and in relation to, and possess that firearm in furtherance of, a crime of violence, namely, Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Conspiracy, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1962(d), as charged in Count One of this Indictment, Conspiracy to Commit Murder in Aid of Racketeering Activity, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1959(a)(5), as charged in Count Five of this Indictment, Kidnapping in Aid of Racketeering Activity, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1959(a)(1), as charged in Count Six of this Indictment, and Conspiracy to Murder in Aid of Racketeering Activity, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1959(a)(5), as charged in Count Seven of this Indictment.

1 COUNT TWENTY

2 [18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1)]

3 From on or about July 14, 2013, through July 17, 2013, in Los  
4 Angeles County, within the Central District of California, defendant  
5 JOSE VALENCIA GONZALEZ, also known as "Swift" ("J.V. GONZALEZ"),  
6 knowingly possessed a firearm, namely, a Colt Model Mustang Mark IV  
7 Series 80 .380 caliber semi-automatic pistol, bearing serial number  
8 MU58634, and ammunition, namely, seven rounds of Winchester .380  
9 caliber ammunition, in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce.

10 Such possession occurred after defendant J.V. GONZALEZ had been  
11 convicted of at least one of the following felony crimes, each  
12 punishable by a term of imprisonment exceeding one year:

13 (1) Second Degree Burglary, in violation of California Penal  
14 Code Section 459, in the Superior Court of the State of California,  
15 County of San Bernardino, case number FCH05640, on or about February  
16 13, 2003;

17 (2) Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, in violation of  
18 California Penal Code, Section 12021(a)(1), in the Superior Court of  
19 the State of California, County of Los Angeles, case number KA078221,  
20 on or about February 26, 2007;

21 (3) Possession of a Controlled Substance, in violation of  
22 California Health and Safety Code Section 11377(a), in the Superior  
23 Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, case number  
24 KA082815, on or about August 1, 2008;

25 (4) Possession of Contraband in Prison, in violation of  
26 California Penal Code Section 4573.6, in the Superior Court of the  
27 State of California, County of Riverside, case number RIF1101117, on  
28 or about July 20, 2012.

1 COUNT TWENTY-ONE

2 [18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1)]

3 On or about August 4, 2013, in Los Angeles County, within the  
4 Central District of California, defendant JOSE MARTINEZ, also known  
5 as "Slim" ("MARTINEZ"), knowingly possessed a firearm, namely, a  
6 Savage Arms model 1907 .32 caliber semi-automatic pistol, bearing  
7 serial number 156584, and ammunition, namely, eight rounds of Fiocchi  
8 .32 caliber ammunition, in and affecting interstate and foreign  
9 commerce.

10 Such possession occurred after defendant MARTINEZ had been  
11 convicted of at least one of the following felony crimes, each  
12 punishable by a term of imprisonment exceeding one year:

13 (1) Carrying a Loaded Firearm, in violation of California Penal  
14 Code Section 12031(a)(1), in the Superior Court of the State of  
15 California, County of Los Angeles, case number KA079947, on or about  
16 July 30, 2007;

17 (2) Possession of a Controlled Substance while Armed, in  
18 violation of California Health and Safety Code Section 11370.1, in  
19 the Superior Court of the State of California, County of San  
20 Bernardino, case number FWV803180, on or about December 16, 2008;

21 (3) Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Sell, in  
22 violation of California Health and Safety Code Section 11378, in the  
23 Superior County of the State of California, County of Los Angeles,  
24 case number KA090331, on or about May 13, 2010;

25 (4) Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, in violation of  
26 California Penal Code Section 12021(a)(1), and Possession of a  
27 Controlled Substance for Sale, in violation of California Health and  
28 Safety Code Section 11378, in the Superior Court of the State of

1 California, County of Los Angeles, case number BA392065, on or about  
2 January 5, 2012;

3 (5) Possession of a Controlled Substance while Armed, in  
4 violation of California Health and Safety Code Section 11370.1, in  
5 the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles,  
6 case number KA102714, on or about August 6, 2013;

7 (6) Sale or Transportation of a Controlled Substance, in  
8 violation of California Health and Safety Code Section 11379(a), in  
9 the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles,  
10 case number KA102714, on or about August 6, 2013;

11 (7) Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, in Violation of  
12 California Penal Code Section 29800(a)(1), in the Superior Court of  
13 the State of California, County of Los Angeles, case number KA102714;

14 (8) Possession of Ammunition, in violation of California Penal  
15 Code Section 30305(a)(1), in the Superior Court of the State of  
16 California, County of Los Angeles, case number KA102714, on or about  
17 August 6, 2013;

18 (9) Driving a Vehicle without the Owner's Consent, in violation  
19 of California Vehicle Code Section 10851(a), in the Superior Court of  
20 the State of California, County of Los Angeles, case number KA102714,  
21 on or about August 6, 2013.

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1 COUNT TWENTY-TWO  
2 [18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1)]

3 From on or about October 17, 2013, through October 28, 2013, in  
4 Los Angeles County, within the Central District of California,  
5 defendant CARLOS GONZALEZ, also known as "Popeye" ("C. GONZALEZ"),  
6 knowingly possessed a firearm, namely, a Walther model PPK .380  
7 caliber semi-automatic pistol, bearing serial number 060360, and  
8 ammunition, namely, seven rounds of Winchester .380 caliber  
9 ammunition and one round of CCI/Speer .380 caliber ammunition, in and  
10 affecting interstate and foreign commerce.

11 Such possession occurred after defendant C. GONZALEZ had been  
12 convicted of at least one of the following felony crimes, each  
13 punishable by a term of imprisonment exceeding one year:

14 (1) Taking a Vehicle without the Owner's Consent, in violation  
15 of California Vehicle Code Section 10851, in the Superior Court of  
16 the State of California, County of Los Angeles, case number KA060041,  
17 on or about January 14, 2003;

18 (2) Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, in violation of  
19 California Penal Code Section 12021(a)(1), in the Superior Court of  
20 the State of California, County of Los Angeles, case number KA085054,  
21 on about January 21, 2009.

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1 COUNT TWENTY-THREE

2 [18 U.S.C. 922(g)(1)]

3 On or about May 8, 2015, in Los Angeles County, within the  
4 Central District of California, defendant JUAN SANCHEZ, also known as  
5 "Squeaks" ("SANCHEZ"), knowingly possessed a firearm, namely, a Rohm  
6 model RG-12 .22 caliber revolver, bearing serial number 52469, and  
7 ammunition, namely, seven rounds of Winchester .22 caliber ammunition  
8 and one round of CCI/Speer .22 caliber ammunition, in and affecting  
9 interstate and foreign commerce.

10 Such possession occurred after defendant SANCHEZ had been  
11 convicted of at least one of the following felony crimes, each  
12 punishable by a term of imprisonment exceeding one year:

13 (1) Carrying a Loaded Firearm, in violation of California Penal  
14 Code Section 25850(a), in the Superior Court of the State of  
15 California, County of San Bernardino, case number FWV1302331, on or  
16 about August 20, 2013;

17 (2) Burglary, in violation of California Penal Code Section 459,  
18 in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los  
19 Angeles, case number KA106933, on or about August 7, 2014;

20 (3) Identity Theft, in violation of California Penal Code  
21 Section 530.5, in the Superior Court of the State of California,  
22 County of Los Angeles, case number KA106933, on or about August 7,  
23 2014.

1 COUNT TWENTY-FOUR

2 [18 U.S.C. 922(g)(1)]

3 On or about June 18, 2015, in Los Angeles County, within the  
4 Central District of California, defendant JOSE MARTINEZ, also known  
5 as "Slim" ("MARTINEZ"), knowingly possessed a firearm, namely, a  
6 Ruger model P85 MKII 9mm caliber semi-automatic pistol, bearing a  
7 partially obliterated serial number including the digits 303-0934,  
8 and ammunition, namely, nine rounds of Winchester 9mm caliber  
9 ammunition, in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce.

10 Such possession occurred after defendant MARTINEZ had been  
11 convicted of at least one of the following felony crimes, each  
12 punishable by a term of imprisonment exceeding one year:

13 (1) Carrying a Loaded Firearm, in violation of California Penal  
14 Code Section 12031(a)(1), in the Superior Court of the State of  
15 California, County of Los Angeles, case number KA079947, on or about  
16 July 30, 2007;

17 (2) Possession of a Controlled Substance while Armed, in  
18 violation of California Health and Safety Code Section 11370.1, in  
19 the Superior Court of the State of California, County of San  
20 Bernardino, case number FWV803180, on or about December 16, 2008;

21 (3) Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Sell, in  
22 violation of California Health and Safety Code Section 11378, in the  
23 Superior County of the State of California, County of Los Angeles,  
24 case number KA090331, on or about May 13, 2010;

25 (4) Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, in violation of  
26 California Penal Code Section 12021(a)(1), and Possession of a  
27 Controlled Substance for Sale, in violation of California Health and  
28 Safety Code Section 11378, in the Superior Court of the State of

1 California, County of Los Angeles, case number BA392065, on or about  
2 January 5, 2012;

3 (5) Possession of a Controlled Substance while Armed, in  
4 violation of California Health and Safety Code Section 11370.1, in  
5 the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles,  
6 case number KA102714, on or about August 6, 2013;

7 (6) Sale or Transportation of a Controlled Substance, in  
8 violation of California Health and Safety Code Section 11379(a), in  
9 the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles,  
10 case number KA102714, on or about August 6, 2013;

11 (7) Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, in Violation of  
12 California Penal Code Section 29800(a)(1), in the Superior Court of  
13 the State of California, County of Los Angeles, case number KA102714;

14 (8) Possession of Ammunition, in violation of California Penal  
15 Code Section 30305(a)(1), in the Superior Court of the State of  
16 California, County of Los Angeles, case number KA102714, on or about  
17 August 6, 2013;

18 (9) Driving a Vehicle without the Owner's Consent, in violation  
19 of California Vehicle Code Section 10851(a), in the Superior Court of  
20 the State of California, County of Los Angeles, case number KA102714,  
21 on or about August 6, 2013.

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1 COUNT TWENTY-FIVE

2 [18 U.S.C. 922(g)(1)]

3 On or about July 1, 2016, in Los Angeles County, within the  
4 Central District of California, defendant DANIEL DIAZ, also known as  
5 ("aka") "Bugsy," aka "Fam Bam" ("DIAZ"), knowingly possessed a  
6 firearm, namely, a Smith & Wesson model SW9VW 9mm caliber semi-  
7 automatic pistol, bearing serial number DUM0731, and ammunition,  
8 namely, 15 rounds of Federal 9mm caliber ammunition and one round of  
9 Winchester 9mm caliber ammunition, in and affecting interstate and  
10 foreign commerce.

11 Such possession occurred after defendant DIAZ had been convicted  
12 of at least one of the following felony crimes, each punishable by a  
13 term of imprisonment exceeding one year:

14 (1) Possession of a Controlled Substance, in violation of  
15 California Health and Safety Code Section 11350, in the Superior  
16 Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, case number  
17 KA094370, on or about May 31, 2011;

18 (2) Possession of a Controlled Substance while Armed, in  
19 violation of California Health and Safety Code Section 11370.1, in  
20 the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles,  
21 case number KA101165, on or about March 12, 2013;

22 (3) Possession of a Controlled Substance while Armed, in  
23 violation of California Health and Safety Code Section 11370.1, in  
24 the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles,  
25 case number KA106434, on or about July 1, 2014;

26 (4) Felon in Possession of a Firearm, in violation of  
27 California Penal Code Section 29800(a)(1), in the Superior Court of  
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1 the State of California, County of Los Angeles, case number KA106434,  
2 on or about July 1, 2014;

3 (5) Felon in Possession of Ammunition, in violation of  
4 California Penal Code Section 30305(a)(1), in the Superior Court of  
5 the State of California, County of Los Angeles, case number KA106434,  
6 on or about July 1, 2014.

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1 FORFEITURE ALLEGATION ONE

2 [18 U.S.C. § 1963]

3 1. Paragraphs 1 through 11 of the General Allegations of this  
4 Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though  
5 fully set forth herein.

6 2. The allegations contained in Count One of this Indictment  
7 are hereby repeated, re-alleged, and incorporated by reference herein  
8 as though fully set forth at length for the purpose of alleging  
9 forfeiture pursuant to the provisions of Title 18, United States  
10 Code, Section 1963. Pursuant to Rule 32.2, Fed. R. Crim. P., notice  
11 is hereby given to the defendants that the United States will seek  
12 forfeiture as part of any sentence, in accordance with Title 18,  
13 United States Code, Section 1963, in the event of any defendant's  
14 conviction under Count One of this Indictment.

15 3. Any and each defendant convicted of Count One of this  
16 Indictment shall forfeit to the United States:

17 a. any interest said defendant has acquired or maintained  
18 in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1962;

19 b. any interest in, security of, claim against, or  
20 property or contractual right affording a source of influence over,  
21 any enterprise which said defendant has established, operated,  
22 controlled, conducted, or participated in the conduct of, in  
23 violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1962; and

24 c. any property constituting or derived from any proceeds  
25 obtained, directly or indirectly, from racketeering activity in  
violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1962.

26 4. Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 1963(m),  
27 each defendant so convicted shall forfeit substitute property, up to  
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1 the value of the property described in the preceding paragraph, if,  
2 as the result of any act or omission of that defendant, the property  
3 described in the preceding paragraph, or any portion thereof: (a)  
4 cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence; (b) has been  
5 transferred, sold to, or deposited with a third party; (c) has been  
6 placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court; (d) has been  
7 substantially diminished in value; or (e) has been commingled with  
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1 FORFEITURE ALLEGATION TWO

2 [21 U.S.C. § 853]

3 1. The allegations contained in the General Allegations and in  
4 Counts One and Nine of this Indictment are hereby repeated, re-  
5 alleged, and incorporated by reference herein as though fully set  
6 forth at length for the purpose of alleging forfeiture pursuant to  
7 the provisions of Title 21, United States Code, Section 853.

8 Pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.2, notice is hereby  
9 given to the defendants that the United States will seek forfeiture  
10 as part of any sentence in accordance with Title 21, United States  
11 Code, Section 853, in the event of any defendant's conviction under  
12 any of Counts Nine through Twelve of this Indictment.

13 2. Each defendant convicted under any of Counts Nine through  
14 Twelve shall forfeit to the United States any property constituting,  
15 or derived from, any proceeds the person obtained, directly or  
16 indirectly, as the result of such violation and any of the person's  
17 property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to  
18 commit, or to facilitate the commission of such violation.

19 3. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p),  
20 each defendant shall forfeit substitute property, up to the value of  
21 the total amount described in paragraph 2, if, as the result of any  
22 act or omission of said defendant, the property described in  
23 paragraph 2, or any portion thereof (a) cannot be located upon the  
24 exercise of due diligence; (b) has been transferred, sold to, or  
25 deposited with a third party; (c) has been placed beyond the  
jurisdiction of the court; (d) has been substantially diminished in  
value; or (e) has been commingled with other property that cannot be  
divided without difficulty.

1 FORFEITURE ALLEGATION THREE

2 [18 U.S.C. § 924(d); 28 U.S.C. § 2461]

3 1. Pursuant to Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal  
4 Procedure, notice is hereby given to the defendants that the United  
5 States will seek forfeiture as part of any sentence in accordance  
6 with Title 18 United States Code, Section 924(d), of any defendant's  
7 conviction under of the Counts Thirteen through Twenty-Four of this  
8 Indictment.

9 2. Such defendants shall forfeit to the United States all  
10 firearms and ammunition involved in the commission of each such  
11 offense, including all firearms and ammunition in this Indictment.

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